up in various organisations like UGC, NCERT, AICTE, National Open School etc. NCERT has been identified as the National Resource Centre for Education in Human Values and will work as a nodal agency net-working with the other organisations. NCERT has taken up a number of projects in value oriented education. In this connection it has developed a discussion document entitled New Curriculum Frame work for School Education which lays stress on the role of education as tool for cultivation, universalisation of constitutional values etc.

(d) The NCERT is engaged in holding wide ranging discussions for the revision of curriculum at all levels. While doing so, care will be taken to see that values wil be taught at appropriate levels which is very necesary in the present context.

Selection of Schools for computer education

†3729. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected hundred schools in the first phase for computer education arrangement;

(b) if so, the State-Wise details of those hundred schools; and

(c) what is the number of these smart schools selected in rural zones and urban zones, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) Presently, the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education is in the midst of formulating a revised computer literacy and studies in schools (CLASS) scheme. The details regarding number of schools etc. are being worked out.

Sanskrit University in North-East

3730. DR. (SMT). JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Sanskrit University in the whole of the North-Eastern Region;

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government propose to open such a University at Guwahati in the near future; and

(c) if so, by when and what are the details in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) National Policy on Education stipulates that in view of the need to effect an all round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions, In view of this, Central Govt. is not in favour of setting up of more Central Universities. However, the commitments already made by the Govt. in this regard will be fully honoured.

Vacant Post of Chairman, CBSE

3731. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Chairman, CBSE is laying vacant since 1999;

(b) if so, whether a panel of names has been identified;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the names recommended in the panel is not eligible for the post; and

(d) why the post has not been filled from among other eligible members of the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) Consequent upon the appointment of Shri B.P. Khandelwal as Director, National Institute of Educational Planning and Adminstration (NIEPA) the post of Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) fell vacant on 5.1.1999. The Search Committee constituted by this Department to recommend the names of suitable persons for appointment to the post of Chairman, CBSE had recommended the panel of 3 names. Based on the qualifications & experience of the candidates and the recommendations of